

**ADVANCED GCE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

Experience into Words

MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2007

Reading Booklet

2719/RB

Afternoon

Time: 2 hours 15 minutes



- **The first fifteen minutes of the examination are for reading the passages in this reading booklet.**
- During this time you may make any annotations you choose on the passages themselves.
- The questions for this examination are given on a separate sheet.
- **You must not turn over the question sheet, or write anything in your answer booklet, until instructed to do so.**
- The Invigilator will tell you when the fifteen minutes begin and end.
- You will then be allowed to open the question paper.
- You will have **two hours** to work on the tasks.

This document consists of **4** printed pages.

Passage A

The passage below is an extract from the mid-twentieth century American novel *The End of the Road* by John Barth. The narrator, Jake Horner, describes how a sudden lack of motivation overcame him as he was about to embark on a journey, and how he felt both physically and mentally isolated from the people around him.

'Cincinnati, Ohio,' I repeated....

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Details:

An extract from 'The End of the Road' by John Barth.
ISBN: 978-0553242768

....I did not reply.

Passage B

The passage below is an extract from the book *Eats, Shoots & Leaves* by Lynne Truss. In it she explains how her highly motivated concern for accurate punctuation in the world around her makes her feel different from other people.

It's tough being a.....

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An extract from 'Eats, Shoots & Leaves' by Lynne Truss.
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.....mind my own business?

Passage C

The passage below is an extract from a transcription of an interview with a teenager from London. In it she describes her different attitudes to motivation and her relationships with people around her.

The following key can be used as a guide:

- (.) – micro pause
 _____ – stressed word or phrase

er (.) when it comes to er my studying er (.) ive gotta lot of motivation really to get things organised n er (.) doin in a (.) yeh i dont no (.) it is just a fear of failure (.) i (.) dont (.) value (.) myself really (.) more than anything else (.) its just the situation (.) its (.) more what i feel about myself that i failed (.) er (.) it was mainly cos i was bullied (.) n it just kind of started to believe everything they were saying (.) and er because 5
 i was conscientious i used t (.) it wasnt exactly fashionable t (.) be hardworking (.) really (.) i went through a phase where i was ashamed to (.) do well in school (.) n er (.) it wasnt a cool thing to do (.) but then i finally thought (.) well ya no (.) these people are goin to end up working somewhere bad n ill get somewhere eventually 10
 (.) er (.) sometimes theres no real reason for it (.) i just get in a certain mood where i (.) dont want to do anything (.) it just comes in phases (.) theres no point in doin anything because (.) its just gonna end up goin wrong anyway (.) like when im sposed to go out or something (.) n then i dont know i just get this sense well whats the point in goin out (.) n whats it gonna achieve (.) n i just sit there n listen to music (.) theres nothin i can do to stop it (.) like ill try to motivate myself (.) think positively 15
 n things (.) but (.) its got better (.) i started t go out n have a social life (.) build up my self esteem (.) other people started to see me in a better light (.) started to think better about myself (.) i wasnt the labelled geek any more but a human being (.) i think it was something i mainly achieved on my own (.) like im learnin to deal with panic attacks (.) i do get threatened by other people because my mental state just 20
 goes a bit (.) i just feel like everyones in on it (.) but (.) ive got more confidence t deal with this as well (.) now more rational n mature (.) im not gonna let people get t me (.)

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